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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security
ATTENTION: Alien Affairs Officer
SUBJECT: Eligibility for Admission to the United States
of Ukrainian DP's Associated with Stefan Bandera

1. You may recall that the SR Division secured your cooperation in requesting the Department of State to deny a visitor's visa to Stefan Bandera, the head of a Ukrainian organization in Germany, on the grounds of his conducting activities inimical to the interests of the United States. Since then the United States Consul-General in Munich has frozen the applications for visas of Ukrainian DP's who have, or have had, some degree of association, however slight and indirect, with Stefan Bandera. The SR field case officer responsible for Ukrainian projects has confirmed and documented this fact and has cited specific cases in which the SR Division is interested. It appears that we made our point with the Department so strongly that State is not following its own established policy of judging visa applications on individual basis, and not establishing blanket ineligibility because of political associations.

2. Many Ukrainians in Germany who have been associated with Bandera or have belonged to the group do not wholeheartedly agree with his aims and methods. Many also have been in contact with and have performed valuable services for CIA.

3. The Consul-General in Munich has informed our field case officer that he can take no favorable action on cases of any individuals with associations with Bandera until such time as he receives specific word from Washington that they, like all others, are to be handled on an individual basis. The SR Division is especially interested in expediting the cases of the following, all of whom have been of great service to CIA:

- a. Volodymyr Keroi
- b. Bohdan Pidhany
- c. Mykhailo Rudko
- d. M. Fedak

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The application of Mr. Kerod is most pressing of all since he has
a wife and children in New York.

4. We would appreciate your informing the Department of
our views as soon as possible, so that it can specifically assure
the Consul-General in Munich that the established policy of
judging visa applications on an individual basis applies to members
of the Bandera organization and to those who have, or have had,
some degree of association with Bandera. The matter is of utmost
importance, in view of the embarrassing effect the freeze in
processing the visa applications has had upon members of the
Ukrainian group which the SR Division is utilizing in certain
valuable operations.

Chief, SR

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